

Amendments to the Claims

The following is a complete list of claims. The claims below replace all prior versions of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for measuring a patient's bite, comprising:
~~a mount for removable attachment to a mounting point positioned relative to a patient;~~
~~— a mechanical coupling coupled to the mount; and~~
~~— an articulating film holder coupled to the mechanical coupling;~~
~~— a spreader body including a forward portion and a rearward portion;~~
~~— a vertical shaft coupled to the rearward portion of the spreader body;~~
~~— two articulating film mounting arms including respective holding elements that define respective articulating film forceps receiving channels, coupled to rotate around the vertical shaft and configured to allow wherein the articulating film holder allows for lateral adjustment of the articulating film forceps positions to match the width of the patient's dental arches.~~

2. (Currently amended) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 1, wherein the forward portion of the spreader body includes a vertical slot adapted to function as a fork fitting; and further comprising:
— a holder arm adapted to couple to the vertical slot and extending vertically from the spreader body; and
— a mount removably attached to the holder arm and configured to wherein the mount for removable attachment is adapted to clamp to a pair of glasses worn by the patient.

3. (Currently amended) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 4_2, wherein the mount for removable attachment is adapted to couple to a mechanical mounting point on a pair of glasses worn by the patient.

4. (Original) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 3, wherein the mounting point and the mount for removable attachment form a ball-and-socket joint when coupled.

5-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 4², wherein the mechanical coupling between the vertical slot and the holder arm allows for vertical adjustment of the position of the ~~articulating film holder spreader body~~.

8. (Currently amended) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 7, wherein the mechanical coupling allows for adjustment of the position of the articulating film holder arms, each position being substantially held stably until readjustment.

9. (Original) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 7, wherein the mechanical coupling comprises one or more moveable joints.

10. (Original) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 7, wherein the mechanical coupling comprises one or more flexible members.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 1, wherein the articulating film holder allows for adjustment of the articulating film mounting arm angular positions.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 1, wherein the articulating film holder ~~is~~ mounting arms are adapted to be guided to a rotational position in the patient's mouth by gliding the articulating film forceps along the patient's cheeks.

14. (Currently amended) An apparatus for measuring a patient's bite, comprising:
a mount an elongated holding arm for removable attachment to a mounting point positioned relative to a patient;
a spreader body including a vertical slot configured for mechanical coupling coupled to the mount holding arm and a common vertical shaft; and
an articulating film holder two marking film mounting arms coupled for horizontal angular motion around the common shaft relative to the mechanical coupling spreader body;
wherein the articulating film holder is adapted marking film mounting arms are configured to receive, one or more into holding elements defined thereby, respective forceps that hold articulating film.
15. (Currently amended) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 14, further comprising a pair of safety glasses that include a the mounting point.
- 16-27. (Cancelled)
28. (Currently amended) An occlusal marking system, comprising:
a nose post configured for coupling to safety glasses,
a holder rod operable to couple to the nose post and extend vertically downward from the nose post to a location proximate a patent's mouth, and
a spreader body operable to reversibly couple to the holder rod by a moveable fork joint, and
a pair of occlusal marking film mounting arms rotatably coupled to the spreader body being adapted to accept occlusal marking film forceps an into respective holding slots and operable to vary the distance between occlusal marking films respectively held by the occlusal marking film forceps.
29. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, wherein the holder rod is operable to couple to the nose post through a universal joint.

30. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 29, wherein the universal joint is a ball-and-socket joint.
31. (Cancelled)
32. (Currently amended) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, wherein the spreader is operable to reversibly couple to the holder rod through a fork joint that may be coupled and uncoupled without the use of tools.
33. (Currently amended) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, wherein the spreader body further includes a rotatable coupling to the marking film mounting arms for adjusting the width of occlusal marking film forceps.
34. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 33, wherein the spreader rotatable coupling includes a friction fitting for holding a set width of occlusal marking film forceps.
35. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 33, wherein the spreader rotatable coupling includes a spring to urge held occlusal marking film forceps laterally.
36. (Currently amended) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, further comprising a pair of glasses whose nose bridge includes an affixed-is coupled to the nose post.
37. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, wherein the nose post includes a clamp to reversibly couple to the bridge of a pair of glasses.
38. (Currently amended) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, wherein the spreader is adapted occlusal film mounting arms are configured to hold a pair of corresponding occlusal marking film forceps longitudinally.

39. (Currently amended) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, wherein
the spreader is adapted occlusal film mounting arms are configured to hold a single
occlusal marking film forceps laterally.
40. (Currently amended) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, further
comprising at least one occlusal marking film forceps coupled to the holding slots.